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**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**



**OAK TREE AT PLEASANTON**

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**Report of the Board of Stewards**  
To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, June 27, 2018 through Sunday, July 1, 2018.

**WEDNESDAY**

06-27-18<sup>1</sup> **CHANGES FOR FRIDAY, ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward Dennis Nevin presided over morning activities which included scratches for Friday and entries for Saturday.

**THURSDAY**

06-28-18<sup>1</sup> **HOPKINS REINSTATEMENT**

**RULING NO. 10**

Owner/Trainer **DENNIS G. HOPKINS (DBA BARBED WIRE RACING LLC)** having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery Inc. is restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #34, dated December 1, 2017, suspending Mr. Hopkins for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

The above ruling was issued after Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery, Inc. submitted written verification that the debt had been satisfied.

06-28-18<sup>2</sup> **DIRECTOR OF RACING VISIT**

Director of Racing, Jeanne Wasserman, stopped in to update us on the Emergency Texting system in use at the Fair.

06-28-18<sup>3</sup> **JESUS VELAZQUEZ RULINGS****RULING NO.11**

Jockey **JESUS VELAZQUEZ** having appeared for a hearing before the Board of Stewards is restored to good standing and Oak Tree at Pleasanton ruling #9 dated June 24, 2018 suspending **JESUS VELAZQUEZ** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

**RULING NO.12**

Jockey **JESUS VELAZQUEZ** who rode **ZOOMIN FOR HIBUX** in the first race at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Saturday, June 23, 2018 is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred dollars (\$100)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The above rulings were issued after Jockey Velazquez appeared before this panel and reviewed video.

06-28-18<sup>4</sup> **FORMAL HEARING – WILLIAM NOLAN (case #18GG0057)**

The Stewards held a formal hearing regarding now Trainer William Nolan as issued in California Horse Racing Board complaint #18GG0057.

Present at the hearing, in addition to the Stewards, were CHRB Investigators Noe Longoria and Jennifer Tolman, William Nolan and Darin Sharar, representing the Winners Foundation. CSR Christine Niccoli recorded the proceedings.

The Stewards heard testimony, received documentary evidence and will render a decision.

06-28-18<sup>5</sup> **DECLARATIONS AND CHANGES**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race: #4 THE WHY NOT CLUB	Tr.:J. Beach Orr
Stewards – no rider available	REFUND: \$ 200.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race: #6 KNOLL	Tr. V. Trujillo
Sick – DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 271.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race: #4 APPHIA	Tr. A. Mathis
Injured in transit – DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 332.50
7 <sup>th</sup> Race: Jockey Change: Hugo Herrera replaced Frank Alvarado – excused by doctor	

06-28-18<sup>6</sup> **CLEAR AFTERNOON**

The afternoon racing card was clear of any problems.

06-28-18<sup>7</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	1784	\$	182,922.54
NCOT	1023	\$	289,058.45
SCOT		\$	110,218.20
Out of State		\$	297,471.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2807</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>879,670.25</b>

**FRIDAY**06-29-18<sup>1</sup> **LATE DECLARATIONS AND CHANGES**

1 <sup>st</sup> race: #6 BAR JF EASY MONEY	
Jockey Jesus Velazquez replaces Luis Lira (sick)	
8 <sup>th</sup> race: #4 CHANTED	(Tr. J. Martin)
Injured - DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 216.00

06-29-18<sup>2</sup> **CLEAN DAY**

The race day was clear of any reportable problems.

06-29-18<sup>3</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	2927	\$	284,400.82
NCOT	1465	\$	485,383.24
SCOT		\$	141,316.30
Out of State		\$	340,025.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4392</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,251,125.77</b>

**SATURDAY**06-30-18<sup>1</sup> **FITNESS/TRACK VETERINARIAN INJURY**

While performing morning examinations for the races Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer, DVM, was kicked in the left arm. Dr. Sporer was transported to First Aid where it was determined that radiographs would be wise.

After consulting with management for a replacement and speaking with 3<sup>rd</sup> party Lasix administrators, as a possible solution, it was determined the best course of action would be to get a CHRB licensed private practice Veterinarian for a temporary fix.

Veterinarian Ken Allison, DVM, stepped up and met with the Stewards and Veterinarian Diane Isbell, DVM, to discuss protocols. As it was Dr. Sara Sporer returned, without a fracture, for the 4<sup>th</sup> race. Dr. Allison only had to work a mule, a Quarter horse and one Thoroughbred event.

06-30-18<sup>2</sup> **EARLY RIDER CHANGE FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> RACE**

Jockey Martin Arriaga contacted the Stewards prior to the races to say that he would not be able to fulfill his engagement in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race. Mr. Arriaga was replaced by Chester Bonnet. Mr. Arriaga was ordered to meet with this panel to discuss delinquent fines and for taking off his mount late.

06-30-18<sup>3</sup> **INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION – 1<sup>st</sup> RACE**

At the break of this 350 yard mule race #5 LIL SARAH (J.E. Rodriguez) ducked in sharply knocking #4 COOPER'S DASHER (V. Ashley) three paths to the inside losing any chance of placing. After talking with the riders involved, hearing from the "Finish Line" Patrol Judge and reviewing footage of the incident the Stewards were unanimous in disqualifying #5 LIL SARAH from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> behind #4 COOPER'S DASHER.

Original Order of Finish: 2 – 3 – **5** – 1 -4

Official Order of Finish: 2 – 3 – 1 – 4 – **5**

06-30-18<sup>4</sup> **INQUIRY/OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION – 2<sup>nd</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign immediately after the finish of the 2<sup>nd</sup> race to look into an incident at the break and a second one near the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole involving #5 VM CORONA SPECIAL and #4 GIMMEE SHELTER. While the Stewards were viewing replays Jockey Pedro Flores, on the #4, lodged an Objection against the #5 rider, Chester Bonnet, for both incidents under the Stewards Review.

After speaking with riders it was unanimous that #4 GIMMEE SHELTER was hindered by the actions of #5 VM CORONA SPECIAL warranting a disqualification by the Stewards from second to fourth.

Original Order of Finish: 2 – **5** – 1 -4 - 3

Official Order of Finish: 2 – 1 - 4 – **5** - 3

06-30-18<sup>5</sup> **INQUIRY/ACCIDENT 3<sup>rd</sup> RACE**

At the start of this 5 ½ furlong Stakes race #2 QUANT SAVANT, ridden by Juan Hernandez, stumbled badly at first jump falling and unseating her rider. QUANT SAVANT got up and

started to run, but went over the inside rail. The race continued while QUANT SAVANT sliced through three Fairways and two Putting Greens finally finishing up on the Fifth Green near the Quarter Pole. QUANT SAVANT was captured by Track Crew and walked off the golf course to a waiting Equine Ambulance to be given a ride home.

The Stewards hung the Inquiry sign, but determined that the horse was at fault. Therefore, the race was made Official.

Jockey Hernandez was uninjured and cleared by the Track Doctor to continue with the rest of his mounts. QUANT SAVANT suffered severe lacerations to her upper right leg.

06-30-18<sup>6</sup> **RAIL REPLACEMENT DELAY**

The inside rail was damaged due to the accident at the break when the horse fell on and over it at the start of the 3<sup>rd</sup> race. Repairs to the two panels caused the 4<sup>th</sup> race to start twenty five minutes past the original Post Time.

06-30-18<sup>7</sup> **ACCIDENT – 5<sup>th</sup> race**

Less than ninety yards from the Finish Line of this 5 ½ furlong race the #3 ROB'S GOT GAME, ridden by Irving Orozco, appeared to have ducked in from the crowd noise and attempted to jump the rail tossing his rider forward and onto the Safety Rail. The horse's bridle came off and he ran to the ¾ pole where he was captured. ROB'S GOT GAME suffered a laceration to his left knee and was given a ride in the Equine Ambulance back to the barn of Faith Taylor.

Jockey Orozco laid on the track for approximately two minutes. Upon his return to the Jockey's Room he was examined by the Track Doctor and cleared to ride his remaining mounts.

06-30-18<sup>8</sup> **LATE RIDER CHANGE – 8<sup>th</sup> RACE**

Jockey Ricardo Gonzalez was excused by the Track Doctor due to illness. He was replaced on #8 AUTUMN DAY by Pedro Tererro.

06-30-18<sup>9</sup> **LATE RIDER CHANGE – 9<sup>th</sup> RACE**

Luis Godoy was excused by the Track Doctor due to a sore arm. Mr. Godoy was replaced by Francisco Monroy on #10 ALI'S GEM.

06-30-18<sup>10</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	4285	\$	436,023.40
NCOT	2384	\$	808,816.82
SCOT		\$	261,573.30
Out of State		\$	495,434.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6669</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,001,847.78</b>

**SUNDAY**

07-01-18<sup>1</sup> **ARRIAGA RULING – NO.13**

Jockey **MARTIN ARRIAGA** who was scheduled to ride **VM CORONA SPECIAL** in the second race on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Oak Tree at Pleasanton is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Martin Arriaga contacted the Stewards by way of a telephone conversation and accepted the above listed penalty.

07-01-18<sup>2</sup> **RODRIGUEZ RULING – NO. 14**

Apprentice Jockey **JOSE RODRIGUEZ** who rode **LIL SARAH** in the first race at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Saturday, June 30, 2018 is suspended three (3) racing days (July 8, 13 and 14, 2018) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in a disqualification of his mount from third to fifth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The prior ruling was issued after Jockey Jose Rodriguez reviewed video from the previous day's First Race, which resulted in a disqualification. He was informed that when riding mules a better effort is needed in keeping a straight course.

07-01-18<sup>3</sup> **GODOY RULING – NO.15**

Jockey **LUIS GODOY** who rode **TRICO FLYING** in the second race on Sunday, June 30, 2018 at Oak Tree at Pleasanton is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the Horse a chance to respond).

Jockey Luis Godoy met with the Stewards and reviewed video from yesterday's Second Race with regard to "Riding Crop" violation. He admitted to mis-use upon entering this office. The above ruling was therefore issued.

07-01-18<sup>4</sup> **MONROY RULING – NO.16**

Jockey **FRANCISCO MONROY** who rode **SPECIALLITTLEJET** in the second race at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Saturday, June 30, 2018 is hereby fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond- second offense in the last 60 days).

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Francisco Monroy met with Stewards acknowledging his crop violation. Video was viewed by all present to confirm.

07-01-18<sup>5</sup> **BONNET FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Chester Bonnet attended "film review" to discuss Saturday's second race, his mount was disqualified from second and placed fourth. Video indicates rider made a very good effort to keep his mount straight both leaving the gate and again nearing the finish. Blame was firmly placed on the horse and no action taken against rider.

07-01-18<sup>6</sup> **LATE DECLARATIONS AND CHANGES**

2 <sup>nd</sup> race:	#6 BEAUTIFUL CREATURE	(Tr. J. Hollendorfer)
	Sick – DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 263.80
6 <sup>th</sup> race:	#5 RAGAZZA DI VOLA	(Tr. J. Martin)
	Sick - DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 713.00
9 <sup>th</sup> race:	#5 MOONLIGHT BLUE	(Tr. W. Morey)
	Injured in transit – DVM Isbell	REFUND: \$ 1500.19

Jockey change 9<sup>th</sup> race: C. Bonnet for O. Figueroa (excused by Dr. Streeter)

There were no issues during the day's nine race program.

OTP	4766	\$	478,413.50
NCOT	2019	\$	712,754.58
SCOT		\$	271,536.20
Out of State		\$	628,653.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,091,357.37</b>

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
28-Jun.	1	4	THE WHY NOT CLUB	J. Beach Orr	No rider	Stewards	\$ 200.00
28-Jun.	2	6	KNOLL	V. Trujillo	Sick	Sporer	\$ 271.00
28-Jun.	3	4	APPHIA	A. Mathis	Injured in transit	Sporer	\$ 332.50
29-Jun.	8	4	CHANTED	J. Martin	Injured	Sporer	\$ 216.00
07-Jul.	2	6	BEAUTIFUL CREATURE	J. Hollendorfer	Sick	Sporer	\$ 263.80
07-Jul.	6	5	RAGAZZA DI VOLA	J. Martin	Sick	Sporer	\$ 713.00
07-Jul.	9	5	MOONLIGHT BLUE	W. Morey	Injured in transit	Isbell	\$ 1500.19

06-27-18 PHANTOM FLYER (Tr. Holly Evans) spiral fracture mid cannon bone right hind leg; non weight bearing after swelling at Golden Gate Fields while working (7/8<sup>th</sup> pole).

Sick: 10                      Unsound: 1  
Exhausted: 2

Fresno	\$	70,100.40
Fresno Club One	\$	52,411.70
Golden Gate	\$	547,012.72
Monterey	\$	59,586.30
Sacramento	\$	260,519.19
San Jose	\$	267,015.70
San Mateo	\$	594,536.18
Santa Rosa	\$	100,935.10
Stockton	\$	165,351.70
Vallejo	\$	178,442.80
So. California	\$	784,644.00
Out of State	\$	2,343,783.01

	28-Jun.	29-Jun.	30-Jun.	01-Jul.	<b>WEEK</b>	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	2
CLAIMS	2	3	1	3	<b>9</b>	14
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	2	0	<b>2</b>	2
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	4	0	<b>4</b>	6
REFUNDS	2	2	0	2	<b>6</b>	6
RULINGS	2	0	0	4	<b>6</b>	10

Respectfully submitted,

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**Richard Lewis, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**